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Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 9/11/2002, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended) An apparatus comprising:

optics adapted for focusing on a layer of an information storage media;

a symmetrical optical pulse generator, coupled with the layer through the optics, for generating a train of optical pulses, wherein each pulse is substantially symmetrical and has a respective temporal placement within the train and has a respective pulse duration;